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### Read John 10:1-18

How would you describe the relationship between the good shepherd and the sheep? Which is your favourite part of this story and why?

### CHALLENGE

Research the key tasks of shepherds today. How might these reflect our relationship with God?

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### Read Revelation 7:15-17

What do you notice in this passage? What other Bible passages can you see reflected in this one?

### CHALLENGE

Make a timeline of the ten shepherd passages in this resource, noting the key points and people involved in each one.

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# Explore shepherds in the Bible

## An intergenerational resource

Read or listen to these stories of people in the Bible who must have experienced longing. Use the questions with your family or church community.

This resource works well with the creative activities in the *Shepherd* edition of *Faith at home*



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### Read Genesis 29:1-11

What did you especially notice in this story where we first meet Rachel? What role does being a shepherd play in this story?

### CHALLENGE

Re-tell this story using toys - who will be whom in your re-telling? What characteristics does each person have?

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### Read Genesis 30:25-43

What did you notice in this story? Do you think the deal was fair? What else do we know about Jacob and the way he makes deals?

### CHALLENGE

Create a short version of Rachel and Jacob's story, including the role of sheep in their story! You could 'act' it with toys or write it down.



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### Read Exodus 3:1-10

What strikes you about this story?  
Which part of God's promise to Moses relates to his role as a shepherd?

#### CHALLENGE

Read Isaiah 63:11 and think about the story of Moses. In what way was he like a shepherd to God's people?

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### Read Luke 2:8-20

What did you notice in these verses?  
What isn't mentioned in these verses?  
Why do you think the angels announced this news to shepherds?

#### CHALLENGE

Use a map to work out where the shepherds might have been in the fields and how far they would have had to travel to visit baby Jesus.

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### Read Exodus 2:16-22

Did you notice anything new when you read/listened to this story?  
What sort of a woman is Zipporah?  
Was she a good match for Moses?

#### CHALLENGE

Which other Bible stories does this one remind you of? When else do a man and a woman meet at a well?

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### Read Matthew 25:31-46

What surprised you in this story?  
What might have Jesus original listeners have been surprised by?

#### CHALLENGE

In the Middle East, sheep and goats look very similar. Search the internet for photos to see this for yourself.

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### Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13 and 1 Samuel 17:1-51

What is the impact of being a shepherd in these two parts of the story?  
When else was it important?

#### CHALLENGE

This is a longer passage - try reading it out loud using voices for different people.

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### Read Luke 15:1-7

Notice who is listening to this story.  
What might they have felt on hearing it for the first time?  
Is there a challenge for us too?

#### CHALLENGE

Re-tell this short story for a contemporary audience.